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CABINET TALKS OVER AUSTRIAN REPLY AN HOUR; NO ACTION YET

Prince Hohenlohe Calls Upon Secretary Lansing and Presentation of Document Supports Negotiation Rumor.

SEVERAL DISCREPANCIES MUST BE CLEARED UP

Diplomatic Relations Not Likely to be Discontinued Until There Has Been Another Exchange of Notes.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 17.—Austria's reply to Secretary Lansing's note on the American received during the night was laid today before President Wilson and the cabinet and discussed for more than an hour.

The official text of Austria's reply to the American note on the American proposing further communications on the subject and specific allegations upon which the American charges are based, is virtually identical with the unofficial text copied from London.

Slight changes caused by differences in translation exist but the meaning in its general sense is the same.

After President Wilson and the cabinet had considered the reply today it was learned authoritatively that no decision had been reached as to the nature of the second note which the United States will send to Austria-Hungary. It is certain, however, that this note will go forward almost immediately.

The next step it is believed, will be more evident in its demands than the first. It will not, however, preclude further diplomatic correspondence between the two governments should Austria-Hungary insist in the course she apparently has determined to pursue. The United States was represented as desiring to afford Austria-Hungary every opportunity to continue diplomatic relations with this country.

Secretary Lansing announced that the Austrian note did not accuse him of the American demands.

The gravity of the situation caused by Austria's reminder to the American demands, which is considered excessive, unsatisfactory and unacceptable, remains unchanged.

The next step will not be decided upon until some minor points are clear in the official text are decided up. The apparent discrepancies are not important, and may be due to transmission or translation from the state department code.

Some time after the cabinet meeting Prince Hohenlohe, one of the embassy attaches, called on Secretary Lansing and presented a communication. Both the prime and the secretary's office refused to indicate its import, but the presentation of another communication lent strength to the belief that some informal negotiations were being made.

Secretary Lansing said after the cabinet meeting that he did not know when the official text of the note would be given out for publication, and that it certainly would not be made public until he had an opportunity to study it carefully.

Diplomatic relations, although in danger of being broken off, are more likely to be discontinued, at least temporarily. There has been another exchange of notes with Vienna, and so the diplomats are said not to be in their final stage. Another note setting out what the United States cannot accept Austria's reply will go forward before the situation takes on a more settled aspect.

Meanwhile there are some hints of informal negotiations which might smooth out the troubled situation. The frequent calls of Baron Zweigert, the Austrian chargé at the state department give some hint of discussions along that line, and those same expect that at the end the differences will be adjusted out on the influence of Berlin to counsel Vienna to avoid a break. How much general there is for such an expectation is not disclosed by those who entertain it. So far as was apparent to the author, his plan for going on his homeward journey after his wedding tomorrow night.

Before the president leaves, however, he will agree with Secretary Lansing on the outline of a reply to Austria's note, and if there should be any further change in the situation Mr. Lansing will go to confer with the president at the place where he will spend his honeymoon. That place, however, has not yet been set, a secret.

The meaning of the Austrian reply, Mr. Lansing said, while refusing to be somewhat vague as to the confidential version, was clear in the broadest of the original text. The anomalies, the secretary thought had been due undoubtedly to the translation of the original version. This version, he thought, it equally plain had been

Winter Wheat Estimated At Half Billion Bushels Today

Department of Agriculture Places Probable Yield at 45,000,000 Bushels, Which Is Less Than This Year's.

PROBABLE PRODUCTION IS FAR ABOVE AVERAGE

Condition of Fall Planting of Rye Slightly Below the Normal; Acreage Sown Much Above Former Years.

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire)

New York, Dec. 17.—Barney Dreyfuss Declares That Pact Will Bring About Best Sort of Relations Through-out National Sport.

Barney Dreyfuss Declares That

PEACE ASSURED FOR ORGANIZED BALL, IS SAID

Ford's Peace Ship
PERMITTED TO GO
ON TO CHRISTIANIA

(By Evening Herald Leased Wire)

London, Dec. 17. (6:46 p. m.)—

Announcement was made by the foreign office tonight that the steamer Oscar II, having on board the Ford peace party, has been permitted to proceed on her voyage to Christiania.

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